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PROGRAMME OUTCOME AND RESPONSE MONITORING DIVISION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had set up a `Programme Outcome and Response Monitoring Division` in the year 2005 ;

(b) if so, the work done by the Division so far vis-Ã -vis the total expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of implementation of development programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The Programme Outcome and Response Monitoring Division compiled the responses received from different ministries and departments of Government of India for Outcome Budget 2005-06. However, the mandate given to that Division for preparation of Outcome Budget for flagship programmes has been revised and the same is now being attended by Department of Expenditure since November 9, 2005. The expenditure incurred on this Division is as follows :

i) Fees paid to consultants from 30.03.2005 to 30.09.2005 − Rs.185,010/-

ii) Salary to officials / staff of the Division − Rs.8,85,825/-.

(c) : With a view to improve the quality of implementation of Development Programmes, the Planning Commission is considering making it a firm condition that all proposals submitted to it must require sufficient benchmarking before approval. It also plans to strengthen its evaluation capacity by involving research institutes and civil society organizations which have the capability of undertaking rigorous evidence based evaluation. State Governments would also be well advised to take similar steps to improve the quality of Plan programmes.